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IN RE the Application of)
CHIFN HO, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653
Serial No.: 09/986,666)
Filed: November 9, 2001)
For: LOW OXYGEN AFFINITY MUTANT)
HEMOGLOBINS)
Attorney Docket No.:)
002547/20118/div3)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)" mailed June 6, 2002, to which a one-month time limit for response was set. The preliminary amendment filed on November 9, 2001 did not comply with revised 37 CFR 1.121 through inadvertance. No new matter is added by the present amendment.

Prior to calculation of the filing fee for the referenced new divisional application, kindly enter the following amendments.

AMENDMENT - CLEAN VERSION

In the Specification: